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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to state purchasing by establishing a preference  
2 for certain Iowa-based businesses that support employees  
3 serving in the national guard and reserves.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 8A.311, Code 2007, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:  
3 NEW SUBSECTION. 21. The state shall give a preference to  
4 purchasing equipment, supplies, or services from or awarding  
5 public improvement contracts pursuant to subsection 11 to an  
6 Iowa-based business the employer of which has signed a  
7 statement to support employees who are officers or enlisted  
8 persons in the national guard and organized reserves of the  
9 armed forces of the United States, if the bid submitted is  
10 comparable in price to those submitted by other bidders and  
11 meets the required specifications. To be eligible for such  
12 preference, an employer shall sign and submit a statement of  
13 support of persons in the employ of the employer who serve in  
14 the national guard and the reserves, recognizing the vital  
15 role of the national guard and the reserves, and pledging all  
16 of the following:

17 a. To neither deny employment nor limit or reduce job  
18 opportunities because of an employee's service in the national  
19 guard or organized reserves of the armed forces of the United  
20 States.

21 b. To grant leaves of absence during a period of military  
22 duty or training.

23 c. To ensure that all employees are aware of the  
24 employer's policies and the requirements of section 29A.43.

### EXPLANATION

25 This bill requires that when the state purchases equipment,  
26 supplies, or services, or awards certain public improvement  
27 contracts, a preference shall be given to an Iowa-based  
28 business the employer of which has signed a statement to  
29 support employees who are officers or enlisted persons in the  
30 national guard and organized reserves of the armed forces of  
31 the United States, if the bid submitted is comparable in price  
32 to those submitted by other bidders and meets the required  
33 specifications.

34 To be eligible for such preference, the employer of an  
35 Iowa-based business shall sign and submit a statement of  
2 1 support of persons in the employ of the employer who serve in  
2 2 the national guard and the reserves, recognizing the vital  
2 3 role of the national guard and the reserves, and pledging all  
2 4 of the following:

2 5 1. To neither deny employment nor limit or reduce job  
2 6 opportunities because of an employee's service in the national  
2 7 guard or organized reserves of the armed forces of the United  
2 8 States.

2 9 2. To grant leaves of absence during a period of military  
2 10 duty or training.

2 11 3. To ensure that all employees are aware of the  
2 12 employer's policies and the requirements of Code section  
2 13 29A.43.

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